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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

LIAO ET AL.

Examiner

Douglas S. Lee

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 November 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)             | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakano et al. (US Pat. # 6,954,907).

Regarding claim 1, Nakano et al. disclose a method for managing product output, used to connect work partners at different locations of an enterprise through a network to a system for managing product output, wherein the managing system allows the enterprise to control distribution of performances and profits; the method comprising the steps of: (1) receiving a record of order data from a client via the managing system, and assigning a third party identification number and a first work partner to the order data, wherein the first work partner is used to received the order data; and storing the order data in an order database of the managing system; and (2) establishing manufacture data used as reference of product manufacture for a second work partner, wherein the manufacture data at least include a unique third party identification number, at least one

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product category code, a manufactory for receiving an order, and a client who offers the order; and storing the manufacture data in a manufacture database of the managing system (see fig. 2, col. 5, lines 11-36 and fig. 8, col.6, lines 30-56).

### ***Claim Objections***

3. Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 2-12 are allowable over the prior of records.

2 The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Regarding claims 2 and 3, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a method for managing product output, used to connect work partners at different locations of an enterprise through a network to a system for managing product output, wherein the managing system allows the enterprise to control distribution of performances and profits, fails to teach in part at least searching via the managing system in the order database for order data corresponding in third party identification number to the deleted manufacture data, and deleting the searched order data, for being used as reference of product output for the first work partner. Regarding claim 9, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a system for managing product output, connected to work partners at different locations of an enterprise through a network, for allowing the enterprise to control distribution of performances and profits, fails to teach in part

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at least an output module prompted by the analysis module to retrieve manufacture data from the manufacture database corresponding to a request for inputting an output message from the second work partner, wherein the retrieved manufacture data correspond to the output message in product category code, output quantity, output time, client and manufactory; and the output module for deleting the retrieved manufacture data, and retrieving corresponding order data from the order database according to the deleted manufacture data, so as to delete the retrieved order data, for being used as reference of product output for the first work partner.

3. Claims 2-8, and 10-12 are allowed for the same reasons above.

### ***Conclusion***

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Douglas Lee, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3745. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM- 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Leo Picard*, can be reached on (571) 272-3749 or via e-mail addressed to [[leo.picard@uspto.gov](mailto:leo.picard@uspto.gov)]. The fax number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [[doug.lee@uspto.gov](mailto:doug.lee@uspto.gov)].

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